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**Ray Reflects
and Reminisces**

A cup of coffee consumed in Montreal is to cost fifteen cents. The sugar rate, for that quantity of coffee will be announced later.

Can it be literally true that today no one can think of building a dwelling unless he can command seven or eight thousand dollars? That's like starting close to the top, instead of the bottom. How did most of Canada's cities begin, anyway? How were houses built? There was such a thing as the cost of living, long ago, as well as now.

And it's a chinch no one waited until he could point to eight thousand, before he hustled down to the job of finding a shelter for his family and do better as time went on.

George Bernard Shaw, playwright and author, who broke his thigh, the other day, in a fall, is apparently making a satisfactory recovery. His age is ninety-four years. He has been a vegetarian part of his life. He must know his onions.

Few cities in Western Canada, for age and size possess a larger, better stocked and attractive library and reading room than what is found in Prince Rupert. From the very start, its growth has been steady, and one of the happiest features was moving of the books to the Civic Centre. Libraries, it might be said, are of relatively late development. Prior to 1870, the

great city of Paris was poorly served. Volumes numbered but 800 and these were not loaned. For a reason that seems impossible to understand, women were not admitted.

Had there been less pint size prejudice and more broad common sense, Prince Rupert could have had a fine appearing library building not long after the first sale of lots. Andrew Carnegie, whose beneficence is reflected in thousands of towns, offered to give the new city one, but this was rejected. A certain local group had no desire to accept anything from Carnegie. Others, unhappily in the minority, were quite willing to.

Sons of Freedom, sentenced up to three years for parading in the nude, will be released from prison at New Westminster. All told there are 278 men and 117 women. If they care to accept a word of advice it may be mentioned that birthday suits are out of style during Kootenay winters.

It's not so far back, in Prince Rupert's history that dozens of buildings which it was thought, had outlived their usefulness, were torn down. And possibly they were not so easy on the eyes. A little foresight might have avoided future worries, when housing pressure became more keenly felt and construction cost was still climbing. Years ago, a careful inspection minimum cash and credit outlay, and lick of paint could have gone a long way.

**FOR SALE—
Carload of Apples
By PR Gyro Club**

The Gyro Club will endeavour to sell a carload of apples to the people of Prince Rupert next month for their pre-Halloween store, the proceeds from the sale to go towards the retirement of obligations in connection with the McClymont Park swimming pool and other children's recreational projects. The apple sale will culminate in the Apple Day street sale on October 21 when pretty girls will take to the thoroughfares to sell the luscious fruit. Before that, however, Gyros themselves will conduct an advance sale of apples by the box by means of telephone and other methods. Plans for Apple Day were perfected when Ben Parker, chairman of the committee, went into conference with the club at its weekly luncheon yesterday. Gyros will busy themselves with another form of community service during the latter part of this week when they will cover the part of the city between Donald Street and McClymont Park on the south side of Hays Creek to seek donors for the blood clinic to be conducted here next week by the mobile unit of the Red Cross. C. G. Ham is organizing the Gyros for this work.

On October 18 the Gyros agreed, if Rotarians are willing, to participate in a joint luncheon on the occasion of the visit to the city on that date of Major General D. C. Spry, national secretary of the Boy Scout Association.

CLEVER PUP
CALCUTTA — Pluto, five-month-old mongrel picked up in the streets, has become famous. He plays the trumpet, counts up to nine and walks on two legs. His owner is a professional dog trainer.

OLD USAGE
The word "of" is the only modern English word in which "f" is pronounced as "v."

Time for Change—
**Is Canadian National Railway
White Elephant, Asks Rideout**

(By PAGE RIDEOUT)

At the last session of our parliament the sessional committee on railways and shipping was appointed, made up of 25 members of the house, including Hon. L. Chevrier and Hon. G. Drew. The committee had before it for questioning Donald Gordon, S. F. Dingle, T. H. Cooper of the C.N.R.

The committee held 16 meetings and delved into all branches of the CNR organization. Hence it was established the system has 33,046 miles of tracks, including 705 miles in Newfoundland, 133 miles in Maine, 80 miles in Connecticut, 67 miles in Massachusetts, 124 miles in New Hampshire, 433 miles in Vermont, 44 miles in New York, 1,846 miles in Michigan, 191 miles in Indiana, 112 miles in Illinois, eight miles in Wisconsin and 276 miles in Minnesota.

The C.N.R. also has a line of steamers plying on the Pacific coast, and 10 ocean liners plying

between Halifax and the West Indies, as well as the railway and auto ferries to Prince Edward Island, across Lake Michigan to Milwaukee and the Newfoundland line of 14 boats. Then, too, the C.N.R. is operating the Trans-Canada Airlines North American service, and also the Trans-Canada Airlines, Atlantic Limited.

As to hotels, while the number of hotels and lodges did not appear, yet Mr. Gordon stated the capital investment was \$27,438,286.00 and the profit over (Continued on page 10)

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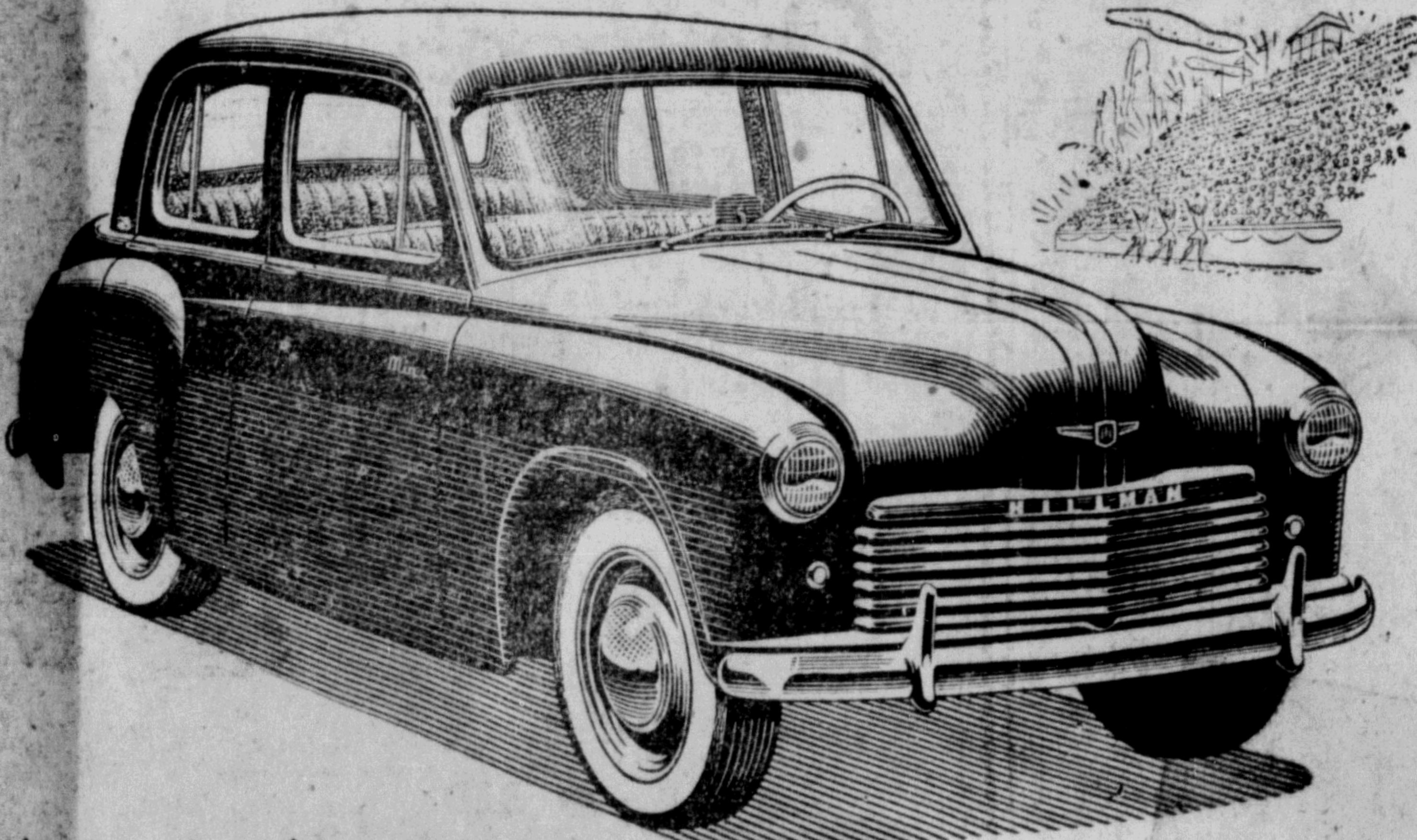
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